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REMARKS

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At 9:30 p.m. on 17 June, [redacted] 7 armored personnel carriers and 4 trucks mounting machine guns entering the barracks installation in Grimma. Later, these vehicles were seen patrolling the town. Tanks and SP guns observed between 14:00 p.m. and 9 p.m. on 18 June passing through Grimma en route from the direction of Ochatz toward Leipzig included 23 SS tanks [redacted] 24 Pz tanks [redacted] and 20 SP guns [redacted]

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[redacted] Some of these tanks and SP guns entered the barracks installation in Grimma. Equipment [redacted] 20 armored scout cars [redacted]

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10 half-track motor trucks [redacted] some of [redacted] them mounting four-barreled AA machine guns, light machine guns and cannons; 10 trucks mounting artillery pieces and AT guns [redacted] 6 trucks mounting mortars [redacted] 12 trucks mounting AA machine guns [redacted] tank trucks [redacted]

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[redacted] and another estimated 250 trucks. The barracks installation in Grimma was protected by AA guns. Truck [redacted] was seen near these guns. [redacted] trucks [redacted] involved in the unloading of ammunition at the Grimma railroad station. On 23 June [redacted] truck [redacted] which was loaded with military bridge equipment, entering the barracks installation. The sentry posted at the gate of the installation wore red-bordered black epaulettes with artillery insignia. No activities were observed on 27 June. The sentry observed at the gate of the barracks installation on 28 June wore red-bordered black epaulettes with engineer insignia.

Field Comment. The report confirmed the previously reported employment of the elements of the 8th Gds Mecz Div stationed from Grimma. The units involved moved from the Koenigsbrueck troop training grounds to Leipzig and Grimma. The return of the 133d Gds Engr Bn to Grimma after being committed in Leipzig appears credible, because tanks [redacted] of the battalion, which were observed at the Leipzig Heiterblick barracks installation on 25 June, were no longer seen there on 29 June. [redacted]

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Tanks of the 21st Gds Mecz Regt numbered [redacted] moved from Leipzig toward Grimma on 24 June. [redacted] The present report does not indicate whether this regiment returned to its permanent station in Grimma or to Koenigsbrueck. The SP guns and armored scout cars [redacted] belonged to the 64th Gds Hv Tank SP Regt which moved through Grimma en route from Koenigsbrueck to Leipzig. [redacted] this column moved through Grimma already on 17 June. [redacted]

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